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REFER TO FILE: **W-0**

September 21, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR WATER RATE INCREASE
FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 21, KAGEL CANYON
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING
ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 21, KAGEL CANYON:**

1. Find that the water rate increase is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
2. Adopt the enclosed Resolution (Attachment A) approving the proposed water rate increase for the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 21, Kagel Canyon.
3. Adopt the Amendments to the District's Rules and Regulations (Attachment B) to reflect the above-referenced increase in the existing water rates.
4. Instruct the Director of Public Works or his designee to review the above charges before January 1 of every year and make a recommendation to your Board to adjust these charges accordingly.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommendation is to increase the District's customers' monthly service charge by \$5.22 per month, which equates to an 11.7 percent increase, to meet the operation and maintenance costs of the District's distribution system.

Specifically, the water rate increase is needed to: 1) repair essential existing water system facilities, and 2) flush fire hydrants to improve water quality and exercise distribution system valves to ensure the valves' proper operation during emergency shut-down.

On February 2, 2006, and April 6, 2006, we held public meetings to discuss the need for the proposed water rate increase. Approximately 35 to 40 residents attended the two meetings. We also received and responded to three letters in opposition to the water rate increase.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goals of Financial Responsibility and Service Excellence. The additional funding will provide sufficient funds for the operation and maintenance of the District's water systems and allow us to provide the District's customers with high-quality, reliable drinking water supply.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County's General Fund.

These actions will generate an additional annual revenue of approximately \$15,500 in water sales for the District's General Fund N18.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Increasing the water rate is authorized by Section 55501 of the County Waterworks District Law, Water Code Sections 55000, et. seq. Adoption of this Resolution will revise the District's Rules and Regulations adopted pursuant to Section 55333 of the County Waterworks District Law.

Consistent with the requirements of Sections 66016 and 6062a of the Government Code, the fee increases may only be ordered after a public hearing. These Code Sections also require that notice of the hearing be mailed to all interested parties who file a written request for such a notice and that a notice of the time and place of the hearing be published two times in a newspaper of general circulation within a ten-day period with at least five intervening days.

In compliance with Proposition 218, on September 9, 2006, we sent a second notice to each of the District's customers notifying them of the required protest hearing scheduled during your Board's public hearing on October 24, 2006 (Attachment C).

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the proposed Resolution and Notice of Hearing as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

These actions and the proposed Resolution amending the District's Rules and Regulations are to meet the operation and maintenance costs of the District's distribution system within existing service areas and is therefore exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 21080(b)(8) of the Public Resources Code and Section 15273(a) of the CEQA Guidelines.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no impact on current County services or projects as a result of this action.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
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CONCLUSION

Upon approval, please return one adopted copy of this letter and the Resolution to Public Works, Waterworks and Sewer Maintenance Division.

Respectfully submitted,

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for DONALD L. WOLFE
Director of Public Works

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BDL 2229

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel

ATTACHMENT A

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICTS,
APPROVING WATER RATE INCREASE FOR
LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS
DISTRICT NO. 21, KAGEL CANYON (DISTRICT)**

WHEREAS, the District operates and maintains the water distribution system for the Community of Kagel Canyon; and

WHEREAS, the District's water system is aging and critical repairs are needed; and

WHEREAS, due to lack of funds, the District has postponed certain water system maintenance activities; and

WHEREAS, the District's sole sources of funding for maintenance activities are through water sales; and

WHEREAS, the District will reduce a portion of its costs by not utilizing its aging water wells; and

WHEREAS, the remaining funding shortfall must be made up through increased water rates; and

WHEREAS, this rate increase is calculated to be \$5.22 per month per billing unit per metered connection, which represents an approximately 11.7 percent increase in the average monthly water bill.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, acting as the governing body of the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 21, Kagel Canyon, does hereby approve the increase in customer's water rates and adopt Amendments to the Rules and Regulations of the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts (Attachment B) to become effective 30 days after approval of this Resolution.

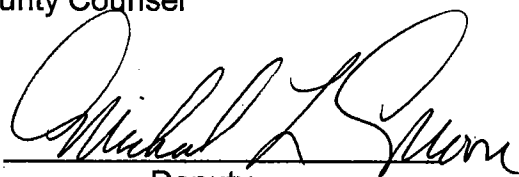
The foregoing Resolution was on the ____ day of ____, 2006, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles acting as the governing body of the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 21, Kagel Canyon.

SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of
the County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.
County Counsel

By  _____
Deputy

ATTACHMENT B

SECTION 1. Rule 2-A-9a of Part 2 of the Rules and Regulations of the Los Angeles County Waterworks District is hereby amended to read as follows:

2-A-9a WATER SOLD TO CUSTOMERS WITHIN DISTRICT:

RATE SCHEDULE 2105

Meter Size	Billing Units	Monthly Allowance 100 Cu. Ft.	Monthly Service Charge (as of ord. eff. date)	Monthly Service Charge (as of 07/03)
5/8"x3/4"	1	5	\$24.32	\$26.51 <u>\$31.73</u>
3/4"	1	5	24.32	26.51 <u>31.73</u>
3/4"x1	1	5	24.32	26.51 <u>31.73</u>
1"	2	10	48.63	53.01 <u>63.46</u>
1 1/2"	3	15	72.95	79.52 <u>95.19</u>
2"	5	25	121.59	132.53 <u>158.65</u>
2 1/2"	7	35	170.23	185.55 <u>222.11</u>
3"	11	55	267.50	291.57 <u>349.03</u>
4"	17	85	413.40	450.61 <u>539.41</u>
6"	33	165	802.49	874.71 <u>1047.09</u>
8"	53	265	1288.85	1404.85 <u>1681.69</u>
10"	77	385	1872.48	2041.00 <u>2443.21</u>
12"	100	500	2431.79	2650.65 <u>3173.00</u>

SERVICE CHARGE per month for meter sizes other than shown above, the charge per billing unit is ~~\$24.32 until the meter read cycle of July 2003.~~ \$31.73.

Thereafter, the charge will be ~~\$26.51.~~

QUANTITY CHARGE for each 100 cubic feet of water used in a month in excess of the monthly allowance is \$4.19 until the meter read cycle of July 2003.

Thereafter, the charge will be \$4.56.

Service Charge includes 500 cubic feet of water per billing unit per month.

**NOTICE OF A PROPOSED WATER RATE INCREASE FOR
LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 21, KAGEL CANYON**

On February 2, 2006, and April 6, 2006, staff from the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 21, Kagel Canyon held a public information meeting in your community regarding a proposed monthly increase of \$5.22 in the water service charge for a ¾-inch meter. The estimated annual revenue generated from the rate increase is approximately \$15,500. The rate increase is needed to perform water system repairs, upgrade the booster pump at the City of Los Angeles connection, and conduct routine water system maintenance.

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has scheduled a public hearing to consider any protests on this matter for **Tuesday, October 24, 2006, at 9:30 a.m.**, in the Hearing Room of the Board of Supervisors, Room 381B, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street (corner of Temple Street and Grand Avenue), Los Angeles California 90012. At the public hearing, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors will consider all protests against the proposed fee or charge. If written protests against the proposed fee are presented by a majority of the owners of parcels receiving service, the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 21 will not impose the fee or charge. Notice of the public hearing will be published in a local newspaper during the two weeks preceding the date of the hearing. Written comments must be received prior to the conclusion of the above public hearing by the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 21, Kagel Canyon, Waterworks and Sewer Maintenance Division, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803-1460. Upon adoption, this increase will be in effect until further notice.



Upon 72 hours notice, the District can provide program information and publication in alternate formats or make other accommodations for people with disabilities. In addition, program documents are available at our main office in Alhambra (900 South Fremont Avenue), which is accessible to individuals with disabilities. To request accommodations ONLY, or for more ADA information, please contact our departmental ADA Coordinator at (626) 458-4081 or TDD (626) 282-7829, Monday through Thursday, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Si no entiende está noticia ó si necesita mas información, favor de llamar al numero (626) 300-3345.

**INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR PUBLISHING
LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS**

TO: Executive Officer
Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles

FROM: Department of Public Works
Waterworks and Sewer Maintenance Division

**NOTICE OF HEARING
PROPOSED WATER RATE INCREASE FOR
LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 21, KAGEL CANYON**

Publishing

That the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors shall cause notice of the public hearing, in the form and manner specified in Sections 66016 and 6062a of the Government Code, to be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in the Daily News, a newspaper published and circulated in the County of Los Angeles, which is hereby designated for that purpose, and such publication to be completed not less than ten days prior to the date of said hearing.

Forward five reprints of the attached advertisement to the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Waterworks and Sewer Maintenance Division, P.O. Box 1460, Alhambra, California 91802-1460.

Should there be any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Manuel del Real of this office at (626) 300-3300, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 21, KAGEL CANYON
PROPOSED WATER RATE INCREASE**

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on October 24, 2006, at 9:30 a.m., in the Hearing Room of the Board of Supervisors, Room 381, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street (corner of Temple Street and Grand Avenue), Los Angeles, California 90012, in the matter of adopting proposed water rate increase.

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Specifically, the water rate increase is needed to: 1) repair essential existing water system facilities, and 2) flush fire hydrants to improve water quality and exercise distribution system valves to ensure the valves' proper operation during emergency shut-down.

The Board of Supervisors will consider and may approve these actions as recommended by the Director of Public Works. For information on water rate schedules for specific service areas or for any other information regarding this matter, please call (626) 300-3300.

Information regarding the District's financial analysis for the water rate increases will be available ten days prior to the date of the public hearing.

Para mas informacion en relacion a esta noticia, favor de llamar al numero (626) 300-3308. Nuestra horas de oficina son de 7:00 a.m. a 5:45 p.m., de lunes a jueves.